IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1-5 and 13.

Amend Claim 9 as set forth below:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) A disk drive, comprising:

a disk-shaped storage medium supported for rotation;

a head slider holding a read/write head for reading recorded data from the disk-shaped storage medium and writing data to the disk-shaped storage medium;

a moving member supporting the head slider and placing the head slider at a read/write position on the disk-shaped storage medium, and retracting the head slider from the read/write position on the disk-shaped storage medium, the moving member having a pair of coil holding arms with a voice coil mounted therebetween, and a shape that extends from only one of said pair of coil holding arms;

only one latching mechanism capable for latching the moving member in place when the head slider is retracted from a read/write position on the disk-shaped storage medium to a home position, and remaining separate from the moving member when the head slider is located at the read/write position on the disk-shaped storage medium;

a ramp for holding the retracted head slider, wherein the only one latching mechanism latches the moving member in a state where the head slider is held by the ramp, and the latching mechanism being unable to latch the moving member when the head is located at the read/write position; and wherein

the only one latching mechanism is an inertial latching mechanism that operates in response to an external shock, the moving member having a shape that contacts the latching mechanism and the shape is narrow and elongate and has a recess formed therein.

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A disk drive, comprising:

a disk-shaped storage medium supported for rotation;

a read/write head for reading recorded data from the disk-shaped storage medium and writing data to the disk-shaped storage medium;

an arm supported for turning on a shaft, having a part extending on one side of the shaft and supporting the read/write head, and another part extending on another side of the shaft and having a driving mechanism to move the read/write head between a read/write position where the read/write head reads recorded data from and writes data to the disk-shaped storage medium, and a home position where the read/write head is separated from the disk-shaped storage medium; ~~and~~

a latching mechanism capable of securely latching the arm at the home position, the latching mechanism comprising only one inertial latching mechanism that operates in response to an external shock; ~~and~~ wherein

the arm has a lever that is separated from the latching mechanism in a moving range of the latching mechanism when the read/write head is located at the read/write position[[.]]; and wherein

the lever is narrow and elongate and has a recessed part for avoiding interference between the lever and the latching mechanism.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The disk drive of claim 9, wherein the latching mechanism has a latching arm that moves in a predetermined allowable moving range in response to an external

shock, and the latching arm latches the lever in the allowable moving range when the head slider is located at the home position, and remains separate from the lever when the head slider is located at the read/write position such that the latching mechanism is unable to latch the arm when the read/write head is located at the read/write position.

12. (previously presented) The disk drive of claim 9, wherein the lever is formed in a shape such that the lever is outside an allowable moving range for the latching mechanism when the read/write head is located at the read/write position, and the arm comprises a pair of coil holding arms with a voice coil mounted therebetween, and the lever extends from only one of said pair of coil holding arms.

13. (canceled)

14. (original) The disk drive of claim 9, further comprising a ramp for holding the head slider at the home position, wherein the latching mechanism latches the moving member in a state where the head slider is held by the ramp.